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Barrett McGurn called on me this morning and I told him I did not fully agree with the press reports representing the advent of Mendès-France to power as sounding the death knell of the EDC. There was no certainty that when the confrontation between opponents and proponents within the Cabinet and Parliament takes place they will be able to agree upon a compromise, nor have I any reason whatever to believe, but rather the contrary, that even if such a compromise were effected it would be accepted by the four nations who have already ratified the present text.

Lavinia Lamont came to see me and we talked of the trip which she, Audrey, and Eugénie Thayer expect to take by automobile after the other two girls arrive.

André de Staercke visited me and we discussed the forthcoming conversations to be held between Spaak, Bech and Beyen which we anticipate will be extremely useful.

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This afternoon Bill Donovan and Tracy Voorhees talked to me for a long time about our policies in the Far East as well as in Europe. Bill is leaving his post at Bangkok September 1, feeling he has accomplished what he set out to do, namely to establish a close bond between Thailand and the United States and to set up an effective military establishment there under the direction of political leadership determined to resist communism.

I went to see Doug Dillon and showed him the telegrams which we are sending this afternoon:

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"Because of the deep interest and conviction entertained by the President and yourself in the cause of European unity, I venture to suggest, for your consideration, an approach to the German problem that will be outlined in a concurrent telegram.

"It seems to me that, in view of the comparative political weakness and indecisiveness of our allies, it is very important for the U.S. vigorously to reaffirm its belief in the necessity and advisability of further progress toward European integration. Otherwise we are almost certain to be indefinitely faced with the handicap of having to deal with separate national entities, feeble if they maintain their individual sovereignties but strong if their resources can be combined and directed to a common cause. I believe the resolution of the U.S. Govt in this regard will be ineffective unless we get genuine British cooperation. Already the recent British expression of conditional sympathy for EDC alternatives has begun to unsettle the determination of some of our partners, and to encourage the French to toy with the not unpleasing prospect of another year or two of avoidance of the thorny German dilemma.

"It further seems to me that we have an unique opportunity at the time of the Eisenhower-Churchill meeting to present a united front in this particular; otherwise we may postpone indefinitely a decision on how we can assure our security in the West. This would be dangerous to our security, and would mean a continued costly and undesirable financial and economic dependence of the Continental nations upon U.S. resources and good will. The tone of the British press indicates a tendency to throw in a hand before knowing what cards the adversary holds in reserve. If the President and yourself are insistent with Churchill and Eden,

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y will agree to a joint declaration that will be effective with the
ernment and Parliament. The French have no policy. We have. If we
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lowing message suggests possible language this subject for communiqués
lo-American meetings. BRUCE."

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situation we face regarding EDC urgently demands complete agreement
ted action by the U.S. and U.K. This might be expressed in the final
of the Eisenhower-Churchill conference in some such terms as the

E President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Churchill reviewed the
f a German military contribution to the defense of the NATO nations
tential aggression as well as the problem of the relief of the German
public from occupation status.
renew their emphatic belief that a military contribution by Germany
ry to protect the security of the free world and to insure peace.
they are convinced that the German Federal Republic, after 9 years
ion, should be admitted to respectable and dignified partnership with
n nations.

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"In their opinion, these objectives can most effectively be realized through the implementation of the French-inspired Paris and Bonn treaties, which represent the most imaginative and realistic attempt to avoid the re-creation of a German national army and to give expression to the generous instincts of those who would fashion a peaceful and better relationship between peoples. These instruments have been definitively ratified by four of the six nations immediately involved. The sentiments of the citizens of these subscribing countries, expressed through their parliamentary procedures, should not lightly be ignored. Their deliberations have taken into account and discarded all suggestions of alternative procedures. It cannot be expected that these parliaments will, without grave hesitation, reconsider attitudes adopted only after extraordinarily searching debates.

"In connection with these treaties, at the urgent instance of successive French Governments, the U.S. and the U.K. have given certain assurances, of a substantial character, involving the disposition of their armed forces in Europe on the condition that the Paris and Bonn treaties in their present form are ratified.

"If any new negotiations comporting an alteration of these treaties were undertaken, they would inevitably delay and confuse the already dangerously postponed settlement of the German problem.

"In that event, the U.S. and U.K., in the light of changed circumstances, would have to reconsider and review their European policies and commitments, settled upon after the most mature reflection. As now contemplated by the President and Prime Minister, the least objectionable alternative which has engaged their attention would be the admission of the Federal Republic of Germany to NATO. UNQUOTE.

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"Because of rapidity recent march events affecting EDC it has not been possible to discuss contents this telegram with AMEMBASSY PARIS. Do not need warn that such announcement would be interpreted by many Frenchmen as attempt interference with their liberty action. BRUCE."

Tonight we went to a dinner at the Restaurant Laurent, on the Champs Elysées, given by Elsa Maxwell. There were about 250 guests, and [redacted] an attractive appearing lot they were. Sitting between Pauline de Rothschild and Comtesse Rosenberg, I had a fine time.

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